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GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 21, 2009

Applicants provide this communication to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2009

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The Examiner has restricted the instant application to one of two groups for examination and prosecution on the merits.

Group 1, Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 18-21, drawn to a method for increasing GC-C Receptor activity.

Group 2, Claims 13-15, drawn to a composition.

Applicant elects Group 1 for examination and prosecution which is drawn to a method for increasing GC-C Receptor activity encompassing claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, and 18-21. Applicant elects the invention encompassing Group 1. The Examiner's request that a specific invention be named, is thus satisfied.